

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	16101	Agenda Number	54.
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Meeting Date:	June 28, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with each of the following vendors for the Fleet Services Department: CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET for the purchase of 35 light-duty service vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$820,932; GRAPEVINE DODGE, CHRYSLER, JEEP for the purchase of two 7-passenger minivans and one police sedan in an amount not to exceed \$67,408.25; ONE STOP BUS STOP, INC. for the purchase of three propane powered small passenger buses in an amount not to exceed \$209,894; PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD. for the purchase of 70 light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$1,951,054.79.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,736,588.08 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$173,813.10 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$75,811.70 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$97,423.40 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Code Enforcement Department. Funding in the amount of \$263,341.80 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery Department. Funding in the amount of \$54,781.62 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Municipal Court. Funding in the amount of \$28,321.86 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$269,015.88 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$188,389 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding in the amount of \$112,389.60 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$49,413 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer /974-2035
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission. Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of twenty-seven new and eighty-three replacement light-duty vehicles to be distributed among Austin Energy, Austin Water Utility, Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Code Enforcement Department, Austin Police Department, Public Works Department, Municipal Court, Austin Transportation Department, Fleet Services Department, Emergency Medical Services Department, Fire Department, Austin Resource Recovery Department, Solid Waste Services Department, Health Department, Development and Planning Department, Communication and Technology Management Department, Wireless Communication Department, Planning and Development Review Department and the Watershed Protection Department.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff have worked together to develop a vehicle and equipment purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

A majority of these vehicles are powered by alternative fuels. Thirteen vehicles have engines capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximate 5% reduction versus using petrodiesel. Seventy-five vehicles are powered by E85 flex fuel, meaning they can operate on a blend of 85% ethanol with 15% gasoline. E85 provides roughly a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to gasoline. Twelve vehicles are powered by hybrid-electric technology. Improving the fuel economy of the vehicle also reduces greenhouse gas emissions in line with the amount of fuel not consumed. Ten vehicles are powered by Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). In line with the Austin Climate Protection Programs goals, LPG has fewer toxic and smog-forming air pollutants, including 80% fewer nitrogen oxide emissions than diesel, zero particulates, and up to 60% lower carbon monoxide emissions than gasoline. Only one of the vehicles uses unleaded gasoline.

The equipment in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

Departments reviewed the list of equipment determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to ensure the specified equipment is appropriate for the use.

All of the replacement equipment has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each piece of equipment proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

This purchase includes the following light-duty equipment:

Austin Energy

- 2 Tahoe 4 X4 Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 Extended Cab Pickup 4 X 2 Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 2 Extended Cab Pickups 4 X 4 Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 SuperCrew Cab Pickup Flex Fuel - Replacement

Austin Water Utility

- 3 Extended Cab Pickups 4 X 2 Flex-Fuel – Replacement

Communication and Technology Management Department

- 1 Minivan Flex-Fuel – Replacement

Wireless Communications Department

- 1 Minivan Flex-Fuel - Replacement

Parks and Recreation

- 2 Extended Cab Pickups 4 X 2 Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 2 Extended Cab Pickups 4 X 2 Flex-Fuel – New
- 2 Extended Cab Pickups, Crew Cab 4 X 2 Biodiesel – Replacement
- 2 Extended Cab Pickup, Crew Cab 4 X 2 Biodiesel – New
- 3 Passenger Buses (18-23 passengers) LPG – Replacement

Public Works Department

- 5 Equinox Flex-Fuel – New
- 1 Equinox Flex-Fuel - Replacement
- 4 Extended Cab Pickups 4 X 2 LPG – New

Watershed Protection Department

- 1 Passenger Van (15 passengers) Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 Extended Cab Pickup 4 X 4 Biodiesel – New
- 4 Equinox w/Tow Package Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 Tahoe 4 X 4 Flex-Fuel – Replacement

Fleet Services Department

- 3 Passenger Vans (15 passengers) Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 2 Extended Cab Pickups 4 X 2 LPG – Replacement
- 3 Prius Hybrid – Replacement

Austin Fire Department

- 1 Full Size SUV Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 3 Prius Hybrid – Replacement
- 1 Tahoe Flex-Fuel – Replacement

Health Department

- 4 Animal Transport Trucks Biodiesel– Replacement
- 2 Prius Hybrid – Replacement
- 1 Equinox Flex-Fuel – Replacement

Austin Police Department

- 1 Extended Cab Pickup 4 X 4 Biodiesel– Replacement
- 1 Extended Cab Pickup 4 X 2 Biodiesel – Replacement
- 1 Extended Cab Pickup 4 X 2 LPG – Replacement
- 1 Cargo Van Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 Ford Fusion Sedan Hybrid – Replacement
- 3 Interceptor Sedans Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 2 Interceptor SUV Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 Patrol Sedan Flex-Fuel – New
- 4 Patrol Sedans Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 2 Patrol Sedans Turbo Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 3 Impala Sedans Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 3 Pursuit Tahoes Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 Pursuit Tahoe Executive Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 Pursuit Dodge Charger Gasoline – Replacement

Austin Resource Recovery Department

- 2 Extended Cab Pickups 4 X 2 Flex-Fuel – New
- 1 F150 Extended Cab Pickup 4 X 2 Flex-Fuel - New
- 1 F150 Extended Cab Pickup 4 X 4 Flex-Fuel – Replacement
- 1 F350 Crew Cab 4 X 2 Biodiesel – New
- 1 Prius Hybrid – New
- 1 Prius Hybrid – Replacement

4 Equinox Flex-Fuel – New

Code Enforcement Department

4 F150 Extended Cab Pickups 4 X 2 Flex-Fuel – Replacement

Municipal Court

1 Extended Cab Pickup 4 X 2 Biodiesel – New

1 Prius Hybrid – New

Austin Transportation Department

1 Tahoe 4 X 2 Flex-Fuel – New

1 Equinox Flex-Fuel – Replacement

Planning and Development Review Department

7 Equinox Flex-Fuel – Replacement

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that all of these contracts are the best value to the City. These contracts offered the lowest prices and are able to provide equipment that fully meets the needs of the using departments.

Caldwell Country Chevrolet; Grapevine Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep; One Stop Bus Stop; and Philpott Motors, Ltd. are contracted through BuyBoard to supply these types of light-duty equipment to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment orders.